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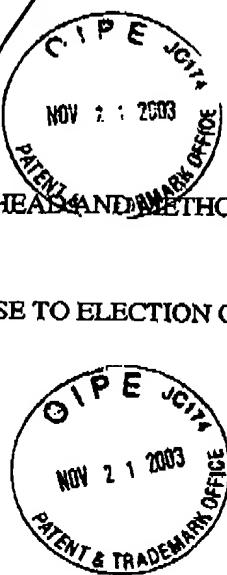
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Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to 2 distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claims 17-23 and 48-51 are generic. Applicants have been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect with traverse Species A, Figures 4E and 7, for examination on which at least claims 8-12, 17-23 and 40-51 are readable.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should be similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicants reserve the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 24-39.

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As noted above, Applicants elect with traverse and respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the election requirement, since it appears that the Examiner is misinterpreting and/or mischaracterizing Applicants' Figs. 4E, 7 and 18B-18F.

For example, in the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, the Examiner alleges that Species A (Figs. 4E and 7) is "directed to the feature of the oscillating plate film on one side of the substrate". The Examiner further alleges that Species B (Figs. 18B-18F) is "directed to the feature of the oscillating plate film on an opposite side of the substrate".

Applicants respectfully submit that Figs. 4E, 7 and 18B-18F all illustrate an exemplary oscillating plate film (e.g., a thermal oxide film 102) formed on a first side of a substrate 10. Furthermore, Figs. 4E, 7 and 18B-18F (via Fig. 19) all illustrate that this first side of the substrate 10 is opposite relative to a second side of the substrate 10 wherein pressuring chambers 106 are formed.

Consequently, the distinction alleged by the Examiner does not exist and the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the election requirement.

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Sir:

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